

Actuator System (CAS) that has been successfully demonstrated on the 155mm Excalibur program.

Account: Defense Wide RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Global Technical Services.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6901 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo FL 33777.

Description of Request: Provides \$1,600,000 for an X-Band/W-Band Solid State Power Amplifier. This program will design, develop and test a solid state power amplifier at X-Band/W-Band to replace the current Traveling Wave Tubes (TWT), in order to provide a higher mean time before replacement.

Requesting Member: Congressman C.W. BILL YOUNG.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: FEMA.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 Court Street, Clearwater FL 33756.

Description of Request: Provides \$1,000,000 for infrastructure hardening of the Pinellas County facility housing its Emergency Medical Services operations, which in times of emergency serves as the countywide base-of-operations.

ECONOMY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the United States economy has spiraled downward within the last few years of the Bush administration. Sadly, the state of the U.S. economy has worsened as a result of recent crises, such as the impending mortgage crisis, financial crisis on Wall Street, and Hurricane Ike, which has inflicted hardship upon the people of Houston. Consumers are finding that their wages have decreased, yet food and gasoline prices have been steadily rising.

By the end of the year it has been estimated that 15 million Americans could have mortgages worth more than the value of their homes. It is absurd that home prices could fall enough to produce about 20 million Americans with a negative equity. While there is not much time to take action, Congress must act responsibly.

A crisis of this magnitude requires a significant bipartisan response, but Democrats will work to protect American taxpayers from undue exposure and believe a properly designed legislative package could ultimately allow taxpayers to be paid back for this emergency measure.

The Congress will not simply hand over a \$700 billion blank check to Wall Street and hope for the best. Not after having pushed for greater oversight, regulation and accountability from Wall Street for years while the Bush administration refused to take action. Congress must implement strict limitations and restrictions along with rigorous oversight over any and all monies disbursed, as well as new regulations. We must work together to strengthen our economy and conduct vigorous oversight.

It is imperative that Congressional committees hold a series of hearings that will examine the Bush administration's mismanagement of financial market regulation and how it led us to this remarkable failure. Wall Street CEOs should not be pocketing millions while taxpayers are forced to bail them out. Democrats will continue to work to secure reasonable limits on executive compensation for CEOs and other top executives.

I came across a quote that I would like to share with everyone from the former chairman of AT&T: "The ancient Romans had a tradition: whenever one of their engineers constructed an arch, as the capstone was hoisted into place, the engineer assumed accountability for his work in the most profound way possible: he stood under the arch." There needs to be accountability somewhere, especially since the American people are going to be paying for the mistakes of Wall Street with or without a bailout.

The Federal bailout of the U.S. mortgage market is going to cost the government upwards of \$700 billion. The mortgage bailout is more than the war in Iraq has cost the U.S. Government thus far. To put that number in perspective, it amounts to more than the GDP of Turkey and only modestly smaller than that of Australia.

Additionally, there have been unforeseen costs which have been incurred over the past few years due to natural disasters such as the recent Hurricane Ike. Houston and the other affected areas suffered a minimum of \$6 billion and as much as \$16 billion in property damage. That estimate does not include the cost of inland flooding, a type of damage not covered by conventional insurance policies.

Due to insurance companies pulling out of the Gulf coast after previous hurricanes, the state-led insurance pool must pay much of the cost, yet only has \$2.3 billion, leaving the state of Texas potentially responsible for billions of dollars in claims. Due to hurricane Ike, gas prices have surged in Texas and the impact of Hurricane Ike will be felt throughout America. Oil refineries near Houston provide more than 20 percent of the transportation fuel used in the U.S. Many of the operations were shut down in anticipation of the storm's arrival and gasoline prices jumped in parts of the country as a result.

The American people are struggling as it is to pay their mortgages, feed their families, fill their cars with gas and find employment. More than a week after Hurricane Ike passed through, there are still parts of the Houston metropolitan area without electrical power and it may take weeks to restore normal life in the most devastated areas, like Galveston.

In order to get the U.S. economy back on track we must work in a bipartisan manner. Nevertheless, Americans ought not forget the catastrophic choices of the last eight years under Republican leadership, choices that led to financial meltdown, massive job losses, a disastrous energy policy that prioritizes oil company profits over people, skyrocketing health care costs, a costly war that should never have been waged, and a surplus turned into a deficit that will burden generations to come.

It is a necessity that the government create jobs through investment in our Nation's infrastructure, extend unemployment benefits, ensure families don't go hungry with food stamp assistance, make certain that Americans do

not lose health coverage as a result of State budget crises, provide additional foreclosure assistance to families and make home heating assistance available at a time of record energy prices. Americans are suffering and this decision must be hard thought and given much deliberation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110.

Description of Request: \$7.5 million will be used to construct Phase II of the Pararescue Facility. The use of taxpayer dollars is justified because The Francis Gabreski Air National Guard Base improves pararescue operations and survival equipment functions on Long Island.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1966E Broadhollow Road, E. Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Description of Request: \$2.4 million will be used to sustain production and enable the timely installation of JP-5 Electric Valve Operators (EVOs) on CVN aircraft carrier aviation fueling systems. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because it will improve the safety and reliability of carrier fuel system operations.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Defense-Wide—RDT&E, N (MC) Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy (Marine Corps).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Defense Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 230 Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801.

Description of Request: \$1.2 million will be used to develop a new ballistic helmet for the war fighter, capable of defeating a defeating a standard AK-47, 7.62x39 mm mild steel core round to replace the current helmet. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this new helmet will help to increase the safety of our troops by reducing the number of helmet penetrations caused by the most common theater round.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110.

Description of Request: \$1.6 million will be used to purchase five STAR II forward looking infrared systems and six Quick Fielding Rapid Install (QFRI) Kits to be distributed at flight facilities throughout NY State. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the use of this system has meant the difference between life and death for wounded or injured patients.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110.

Description of Request: \$2.955 million will be used for the establishment of an additional Civil Support Team. This team, located within the New York City metropolitan area, ensures that the top terrorist target in the country, New York City, has an immediate and prepared asset, ready at a moments notice, if a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, high explosive, CBRNE, incident were to occur.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Science and Technology Research, Development, Acquisition and Operations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Applied Science Center of Innovation and Excellence in Homeland Security Research Foundation, Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 West Main Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706.

Description of Request: \$2 million will be used to establish a DHS S&T Directorate pilot program to identify and transition advanced technologies. The use of taxpayer dollars is justified because S&T needs the capability to identify and transition advanced technologies and manufacturing processes that would achieve significant productivity and efficiency gains in the homeland security industrial base.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: NPPD Infrastructure Protection and Information Security.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Manhole Barrier Security System.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 204, Garden City, NY 11530.

Description of Request: \$3 million will be used to complete an inventory of critical underground infrastructure in major urban areas, identify access points and demonstrate low cost, self contained technologies. The use of taxpayer dollars is justified because this project will demonstrate low cost, self-contained technologies that can deter unauthorized access while allowing authorized access to critical underground infrastructure.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: FEMA Predisaster Mitigation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NY State Emergency Management Office.

Address of Requesting Entity: Building 22, Suite 101, State Office Campus, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12226.

Description of Request: \$1 million will be used to expand the reach and capabilities of NY-ALERT, which is the State's all hazard, web-based, alert and notification portal. The use of taxpayer dollars is justified because the enhancements will allow for faster dissemination and notification to the public in the event of an emergency incident.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is September 24, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,029 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 13,029 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each re-

mind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is September 24, 2008, 13,029 days since Roe v. Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

EARMARK DISCLOSURE

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, in compliance with Republican Conference earmark disclosure requirements, I would like to submit the following statement for the RECORD.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act

1. Account: Military Construction, Air NG.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Connecticut Air National Guard located at Bradley, International Airport, Connecticut.

Address of Requesting Entity: Bradley International Airport, Schoepfoester Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096.

Description of Request: Along with Congresswoman DELAURO, Congressman COURTNEY, Congressman LARSON, and Congressman MURPHY, I received an earmark of \$7,200,000 for construction of an engine shop at Bradley International Airport to support the unit's assigned mission of providing an engine Centralized Immediate Repair Facility capability and also provide the capability for a Joint Cargo beddown. The engines maintained will support the mission operations of A-10 aircraft equipped units in the Air Force and the Air National Guard.

Federal funding will be used to construct the new engine facility, which is required to support 78 PAA equivalents, in addition to parts storage, additional engine storage, shipping and receiving, personnel training and administrative support areas.

The current facility lacks adequate space and engine docks to conduct intermediate engine repair. It does not have adequate parts storage areas, shipping and receiving capabilities and administrative and training areas for the increased manpower necessary to handle the over three-fold increase in assigned workload. The existing facility also lacks adequate parking and existing base road violates the anti-terrorist force protection standoff requirements.

2. Account: Department of Defense, NSDF, RRF.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Massachusetts Maritime Aquarium.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532.